

tions taken by the State Library in regard to its role in the development of library service after 1972. It is to be hoped that the publication of biennial reports will be resumed in the near future and continued thereafter.

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